

23 December 1948

Chief, FBIB

**Revision of FBIB Weekly Targets**

1. Attached find copy of the plan for the revision of FBIB weekly targets which has been disseminated to and discussed with all IAC agencies.
2. A revision of FBIB weekly targets has been undertaken as a result of constructive comments and criticisms received from both field and departmental personnel with the purpose of improving the targets as a medium for providing specific guidance to monitors and editors in selecting broadcast material which will provide an answer to the requirements of the United States intelligence agencies.
3. Continued efforts should be made on the part of all field personnel to utilize all targets received, giving full recognition to the fact that the targets form a direct link between FBIB and the United States intelligence agencies. In the final analysis, the success or failure of the combined efforts of FBIB is closely allied to the degree of success achieved in providing United States intelligence agencies with information of intelligence value in accordance with their stated requirements.
4. The initial master target list will be transmitted to all field bureaus on or about 1 January 1949. Revision will be made of this master target list in the usual manner on a monthly basis. Constructive comments from Bureau Chiefs with reference to the revised target system are desired.

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**Attachment**

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Distribution:  
To all Field Bureaus  
Chief, Editorial Division

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Assistant Director for Operations

Revision of FBIB Weekly Editorial Targets

1. The purpose of the Weekly Editorial Targets (sample attached) published by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch is to provide specific guidance to monitors and editors at field stations and in Washington who are charged with the selection of material eventually to be published in the Daily Report of Foreign Radio Broadcasts.

2. Repetition and quantity of broad, general, all inclusive items submitted without priority by the IAC agencies for inclusion in the Weekly Targets have resulted in such a voluminous product that the purpose for which it is intended is largely defeated.

3. In order to provide more pointed and specific directions to FBIB editors and monitors, FBIB desires to:

a. Publish a Master Target List on the first of each month which will embrace targets that are general in scope and represent information that might be collected from any and all transmitters.

b. Publish Weekly Targets which will supplement the Master List and which will be limited to:

(1) Those items of special significance which might be generally overlooked or discarded in the process of selection.

(2) Those items which could be effectively utilized to focus FBIB attention on subjects of impending interest to IAC agencies.

4. Intelligence agencies are, therefore, requested to:

a. Make such changes in the attached tentative list of Master Targets as individual agency requirements justify, and return to FBIB on or before 1 December 1948 and, thereafter, to submit a revised Master Target List to FBIB before the first day of each month.

b. Submit Weekly Targets to FBIB on or before Thursday of each week.

c. Collate targets within the agency to ensure that stress is properly placed on the area which the agency, rather than the individual area desk, desires to have emphasized.

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1. Master Target List
2. Copy of Editorial Targets

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